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The Information Disclosure Statement dated August 31, 2006 has been fully considered (see attached Form 1449).

The references cited therein would merely appear to represent "Technological Background" demonstrating the state of the art, and seem to be largely cumulative of various publications already cited during prosecution of this case. The examiner reiterates his basic position that probative evidence of unexpected results has been convincingly demonstrated for the instantly claimed subject matter through the specification's comparisons versus JP Pat. Pub. No. 10-67657, which continues to represent the closest prior art of record.

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